GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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BPL PEOPLE IN METROS BIG AND SMALL CITIES
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether proper survey/identification of BPL people in the metros, big and small cities have not been done;

(b) if so, whether the Government has received representations in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to re-survey the number of BPL people of metros, big and small cities;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the action taken by the Government to improve the living condition of BPL people in urban areas; (g) whether the Government proposes to provide employment, medical facilities and dwelling units on special concessions to BPL people of metros, small and big cities; and (h) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)to(e): The Planning Commission releases estimates of urban poor form time to time based on the national sample surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). Recently, Planning Commission has released State-wise estimates of urban poor for the year 2004-2005 on the basis of 61st Round of NSSO survey. At present, there is no proposal to conduct any new all India survey of the urban poor.

(f)to(h): In the urban areas, in order to improve the living conditions of the urban poor, an employment-oriented urban poverty alleviation programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is being implemented on all India basis since 1.12.1997. Under SJSRY, the urban poor are assisted to set up individual/group micro enterprises for self-employment and also provided wage employment by utilizing their labour in the construction of socially and economically useful public assets. Also, the shelter and basic amenities requirements of urban poor are addressed through the newly launched Sub-Mission of Basic Services for Urban Poor (BSUP) of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for 63 identified Cities and through the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP), for cities/towns other than the 63 identified cities. Under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), the facility of medical and health are secured through convergence of all relevant programmes of the Central and State Governments at the urban local body level.